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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I ask the hon. the Home Member what the materials are on which he has come to the conclusion that these are required for the maintenance of order?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"The opinion of the local officers who have investigated into the circumstances."

Depressed Classes.

Use of the public well in Suramangalam police station by the depressed classes.

* 226 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the depressed classes are prevented from taking water from the public well in the compound of the Suramangalam police station, Salem district; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to make enquiries into the matter?

A.—(a) The well in the compound of the Suramangalam police station, Salem district, is intended for the use of the police staff and is not a public well.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to clause (a), may I know whether any exemption is made in the Government Order passed on the 25th August 1924 to the effect that the public cannot have free access to the wells provided in the police lines when there is water scarcity?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"I am afraid I do not remember the terms of the Government Order. If the hon. Member wishes me to interpret a particular Government Order I must ask for notice."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I point out that the Government Order which was passed on the 25th August 1924 was to the effect that all classes should have free access to the public wells, whether they are either in municipal area or in police lines?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"May I point out that it is not a public well? The answer to the question says so."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Though it is not a public well, if all but the depressed classes have access to it, will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to allow the depressed classes also to use the well?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"I do not see any foundation on the papers for the suggestion that the non-depressed classes have access to it. That seems to be a presumption of my hon. Friend."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"Will the hon. Member kindly inquire into the matter and see that, if other classes are given access to it, the depressed classes also are given the same facility?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—"I am prepared to say at once that any facilities given to any other class of people will be given to the depressed classes also."

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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the police who belong to the depressed class do not have free access to the well because it is used by other classes ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" If my hon. Friend says so, I am quite prepared to inquire."

Qualifications of the District Labour Officers.

* 227 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the names, caste, age, general educational qualifications and other special tests passed, if any, of the District Labour Officers working in several districts with their respective districts ?

A.—The information is given in the following statement :—

District.	Name of the District Labour Officer.	Caste.	Age.	General educational qualifications.
1. Godavari ..	M.R.Ry. M. Ganapathi Rao Nayudu Garu.	Non-Brahman, Adi Velama.	48	Matriculation. Deputy Collector's Tests.
2. Kistna ..	M.R.Ry. K. Kesava Rao Nayudu Garu.	Non-Brahman, Kamma.	33	B.A. Deputy Collector's Tests.
3. Guntur ..	M.R.Ry. O. Singaravelu Mudaliyar.	Non-Brahman, Vellala.	36	F.A. Deputy Collector's Tests.
4. Bellary ..	Abdul Wahab Sahib ..	Muhammadian..	44	Matriculation. Deputy Collector's Tests.
5. Madras ..	M.R.Ry. W. M. Iswarayya.	Indian Christian Protestant	31	B.A. Completed Deputy Collector's Tests, Salt, Abkari and Customs Departmental Tests.
6. Chingleput ..	M.R.Ry. K. Srinivasa Ayyar.	Brahman, Smartha.	40	B.A. Completed Deputy Collector's Tests.
7. South Arcot.	M.R.Ry. E. Virabhadra Pillai.	Non-Brahman, Vellala.	30	B.A. Revenue Test, Criminal Judicial Test, Account Test, Survey training.
8. Tanjore ..	M.R.Ry. T. R. Krishnaswami Ayyangar.	Brahman, Vaishnavite.	43	B.A. Deputy Collector's Tests.
9. Trichinopoly.	M.R.Ry. M. Ranga swami Pillai.	Non-Brahman, Vauniya.	53	Matriculation. Completed Deputy Collector's Tests.
10. South Kanara.	M.R.Ry. A. Ihimappa Panja.	Non-Brahman, Bunt.	43	B.A. Completed Deputy Collector's Tests.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to the main question, may I know whether there is any proposal to extend the District Labour Officers in other districts ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I am afraid, Sir, it has not been found possible to make provision in the budget for the coming year for any extra District Labour Officers."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to appoint at least honorary District Labour Officers ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" No such proposal is under consideration."